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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

KNOWLTON, Scott

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VACUUM PACKAGING APPARATUS
AND METHOD

Docket No. 33051-CNT1

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Examiner: HARMON, CHRISTOPHER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2004, and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 7, 2004, amendment and reconsideration of the above application is requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.



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TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith are: Express Mail Transmittal (1 pg); Amendment responsive to Office Action of June 24, 2004 and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of October 7, 2004 (11 pgs); and return postcard.

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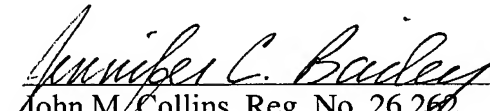
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